

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5 and 6.

Please amend claims 1-4 and 7-11 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment case comprising a body tube having two ends, a connector panel secured to the body tube at a first end, and a removable lid at at least one-the first end for access to the rack mounted equipment within, wherein a surface of the connector panel is recessed relative to an outer profile of the case.

2. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the removable lid has having a reduced height, removable lid on the first end, wherein at least a portion of the lid has a height less than that of the tallest height of the case, and the connector panel surface is recessed relative to the reduced height lid portion of the removable lid having a height less than that of the tallest height of the case.

3. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connector panel surface is positioned above or below the portion of the removable lid having a height less than that of the tallest height of the case reduced height lid.

4. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 2 or 3, having a full height, removable lid on the other end, the removable lid on the other end extending a full height of the tallest height of the case.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connector panel is secured inboard of recessed inwardly relative to an outer profile of the case and closes the first end.

8. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ having a removable lid on an end, and a connector panel on the same end that is recessed relative to the removable lid.

9. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ~~or each~~ connector panel surface is permanently secured to the case.

10. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ of as claimed in claim 1, including a plurality of feet located on a bottom surface of the case, and a plurality of feet locators positioned on a top surface of the case, each foot being shaped to nest within a respective foot locator of a like case, the feet and feet locators being arranged in a substantially identical pattern to facilitate stable stacking of one equipment case on another.

11. The case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ of as claimed in claim 1, including a plurality of latches for removably connecting ~~each~~ the removable lid to the case.